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Newton B. Minow of the Federal Communications Commission is getting ready to crack down on television programs that depict violence and crime. Minow says he will hold up renewal of licenses for TV broadcasters that serve up predominantly blood and violence. Nationwide criticism of the television industry has been rampant because of the lop-sided amount of crime and violence on the networks. Main objections, according to Minow, is the waste of potential good in television.

Bobby Kennedy is trying to "call off" Freedom Riders in the South. Why? Washington talk has it that his "jumping the gun" in sending federal marshalls to Montgomery, Alabama, "cost the Democrats an election in Texas." Some leaders say the Democratic Senate seat went to Republican Tower "just because Texans didn't like Bobby's way of handling the situation in Montgomery." Whatever the reasons behind the move, Attorney General Bobby Kennedy has a hot potato in his hands and everyone knows it ... including Bobby.

Is the United States now definitely on the road to Socialism? Many responsible leaders think so. Kennedy's spending plans greased the skids and nothing will hold us back. Newly-elected Senator John G. Tower of Texas says at least three White House advisors are socialistic. Thus branded are: Dr. Walter W. Heller, chairman of Kennedy's council of economic advisors; J. Kenneth Galbraith, U. S. Ambassador to India and Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., the president's special assistant.

What is really wrong with President Kennedy's back? Is it merely "disc trouble" or is it something far more serious than the general public is led to believe? There has been a lot of double-talk and "cover" stories from the White House. First it was denied that any doctors other than the White House physician had examined Kennedy. But it is now known that specialists were called in.

Since Kennedy is reported to have Addison's disease, which could complicate his condition, many people are getting concerned. Some remember that Senator Robert A. Taft also wore crutches, and while he was seriously ill with cancer, "official spokesmen" kept belittling Taft's true condition. They even went to great lengths to slip Taft into a cancer clinic for treatment so the public would not know.

Worldwide: Khrushchev is cooking up a real pot of stew ... ready for serving around Christmas. The stew is trouble with a capital "T" and tastes like Berlin. This time Khrushchev may mean business. Khrushchev may risk all-out nuclear war to cut out what he calls the cancer of West Berlin. Things are pointing to a tragedy-packed Christmas season if Khrushchev means it this time.

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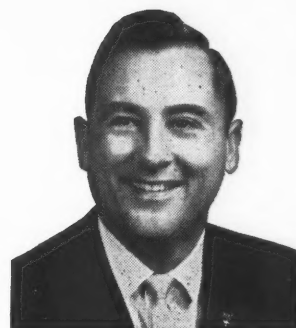
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MORE THAN 80 PER CENT of highway traffic deaths and injuries can be directly traced to violations of rules of the road, according to a report issued by one of the nation's oldest and largest automobile insurers.

Statistically, this means that in 1960 more than 30,000 deaths and 2,600,000 injuries resulted from accidents caused by careless drivers who broke a law. These figures represent an increase of more than a quarter of a million over the sordid record of 1959.

Here is the *Deadly Reckoning* of 1960:

38,000 deaths — 400 more than in 1959.

3,078,000 injuries — 208,000 more than 1959.

263,100 pedestrian casualties — 5% more than 1959.

More than 1,000,000 casualties from speeding.

14,900 deaths occurred on weekends — almost 40% of the total.

More than 34% of the drivers involved in fatal accidents were under 25 or over 65 years of age.

Almost 84% of the casualties occurred when the weather was clear.

More than 95% of the vehicles involved were in apparently good condition.

Saturday was the most dangerous day of the week.

AS THOROUGH AS THE report purports to be, it does not cover any kind of study on liquor and its causal relation to highway accidents and death. In my opinion, no report is to be wholly commended when it gives drinking drivers the silent treatment.

Anyone at all familiar with the traffic problem knows that liquor was involved in the many violations of rules of the road that resulted in 80 per cent of the highway traffic deaths and injuries last year.

Why was this fact omitted? Does it point up once again the influence the liquor traffic can bring to bear?

Statistics on drinking and driving are available. For example, in a study made for one year, a drinking driver was involved in at least 50% of all fatal traffic accidents.

Special holiday studies by the National Safety Council showed that 55% of the Christmas season fatal traffic accidents involved a drinking driver.

More than 48% of the Labor Day fatal traffic accidents involved a drinking driver.

In many accident cases, the fact that a driver has been drinking is not recorded and is never entered in the driver's official record.

In spite of past and present efforts to increase safety education and traffic enforcement, *too many drinking drivers are still operating on our streets and highways.*

The social drinkers are a greater menace than commonly believed as their critical judgment is impaired with a fairly low alcohol concentration and they outnumber the obviously intoxicated drivers.

The nation cannot afford this tremendous human and economic loss each year. Positive steps must be taken to put a halt to this annual tragedy. All responsible citizens, especially Christians, ought to take bold, positive steps toward a realistic program of highway safety.

Pledge of Allegiance Called "Controversial"

THE FIRST CLAUSE of the Pledge of Allegiance is controversial, according to policy makers of Pitney-Bowes Inc., manufacturer of postage metering machines.

Spindale Mills Inc. of Spindale, N.C., recently requested a plate from Pitney-Bowes for use in their postage metering machine which read: "We pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands. Spindale Mills, Inc."

On May 31, the vice president of Pitney-Bowes wrote Charles H. Reynolds, vice president of Spindale Mills, informing him that the plate could not be supplied due to policy changes regarding slogans of a non-commercial nature. Accompanying the letter was a statement of policy regarding such slogans.

Pitney-Bowes has been engaged in a futile struggle for some time to recover a plate from Cherokee Textile Mills in Sevierville, (Tenn.) which bears the slogan of the John Birch Society: "This is a republic, not a democracy — Let's keep it that way!" The firm manufactures such plates for customers using postage metering machines. The plates stamp messages on each piece of outgoing mail along with the appropriate amount of postage.

Reynolds wrote requesting the plate bearing the portion of the pledge of allegiance on May 15 to the Charlotte, N.C. office of Pitney-Bowes. On May 25, he wrote another letter asking when he could expect delivery of the plate. A letter dated May 31 from the office of the vice president

of Pitney-Bowes was sent to Reynolds informing him of policy modifications which prevented use of plates which do not carry a commercial message.

IN THE THREE-PAGE STATEMENT regarding the policy governing postmark advertising, Pitney-Bowes said such messages must "meet certain special requirements to prevent misleading the public into believing they are endorsed or authorized by the Government."

In curious logic, the statement continues by explaining that a message which clearly promotes a private product such as "Eat Wheaties" is not objectionable because "everyone knows the Government does not and would not support any one private product, service, institution or organization over its competitors."

The statement continues, "But, as aforesaid, there is a real danger of confusion and misunderstanding when the ad is of an editorial nature referring to political, economic, religious or other possibly controversial matters."

In justifying its decision to accept no more orders for "editorial type ads," Pitney-Bowes is apparently of the opinion that the federal government wouldn't dare risk sponsorship of the pledge to the flag for fear of public resentment. In explaining the test for unsuitability of postage metering messages, Pitney-Bowes' statement says that such a test "might be whether it could be considered by the general public improper or inappropriate for the government itself to run it in its own postmark." — THE KNOXVILLE JOURNAL

FINALLY OKAYED

Pitney-Bowes Inc., postage meter manufacturers, said it had reversed its policy and will supply a cancellation plate to Spindale Mills of Spindale, N.C. bearing the first clause of the Pledge of Allegiance. Decision to make the plate came after a review of policy, a company spokesman said.

Apples of Gold

An indolent man is just a dead one who can't be legally buried.

Certainly life expectancy is increasing. Nowadays you can expect anything.

One of the best uses of memory is to forget the unpleasant things.

Nothing is politically right which is morally wrong.

—Abraham Lincoln

An egotist is a conceited person who thinks he knows as much as you do.

How deeply rooted unbelief must be in our hearts when we are surprised to find our prayers are answered.

The Bible is a book of prayers. Out of 667 recorded prayers there are 454 recorded answers.

Some people never look up until they are flat on their backs; they never think of God until they are face to face with some disaster.

Men are naturally tempted by the devil, but an idle man positively tempts the devil!

—Spanish Proverb

A man can never be a true gentleman in manner until he is a true gentleman at heart.

—Charles Dickens

The secret of happiness is not in doing what one likes, but in liking what one does.

—James M. Barrie

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A Nation's Chief Asset



"And a man shall be as a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land." (Isaiah 32:2)

BY DR. R. P. SHULER

NATIONS ARE NOT BUILT with brick and mortar; with macadam highways and steel bridges; with skyscrapers and sprawling factories; with beds of ore and fields of fruitage; with wealth of mints and the treasures of fabulous mines; with profits and dividends; with horses and chariots. *Nations are builded out of men.*

Rich in her manpower, a nation can never long remain in poverty. One Lincoln is worth more than the gold mines of the centuries.

There will be a Declaration of Independence if men are at the helm. There will be a Bill of Rights. There will be a Constitution and a government such as only true men can build.

Civilization does not have her fountains in philosophies and ideologies. The tributaries that go to make up this mighty stream that bears the world upon its bosom flow from the deep convictions and high principles of men.

Herein is the tremendous importance of the Christian message. Jesus came to save men unto everlasting life, to make them fit for Heaven and eternal comradeship with Him. *He did more.* He came to make them right in their hearts and lives this side of the pearly gates, that His kingdom may have a chance on earth as it so gloriously has right-of-way in Heaven. He came to make men clean and straight and square and fine from just this side of a baby's cradle to the edge of an old man's grave.

If His cleansing blood and His saving grace cannot do something genuinely splendid in life and character, then it has not so much to recommend it for the streets that are golden. Christ saves the man, and after that, he is not only made fit for Heaven by the grace of God,

but he is made fit for life by the cleansing and empowering, the strength and the courage which Christ in the human heart assures.

IN MY OPINION, this nation could go along very nicely for the next hundred years without another great inventor. We have so many gadgets already that they vex the understanding of the common man. I've seen the world move out of the ox-cart era into the era of jet-propelled airplanes, thanks to invention. And yet in this hour of dizzy speed, I pause to say that I almost pray at times for human genius to stop long enough for me to catch my breath.

I think we could get along for a hundred years without another great financier like Rockefeller, Jay Gould, Carnegie, Morgan or Ford. It might be less spectacular if we talked in terms of thousands instead of millions and billions, and yet we might last longer.

I know we could get along without any more expert politicians for a few generations — that is, if we could only run across a statesman now and then. It isn't a great preacher here and there that we need so badly. Top men are not nearly as essential as they used to be.

What the world needs and must have, if we are to escape the perils of our tragic day, is a man in the front door of every home. *I mean a man!* We need a man in the office, a man behind the counter, a man in the shop, a man in the lecture room, a man behind the pulpit. We need a man, with emphasis on that something in the human breast that makes a man a man.

With all your mass movements, never let the

glamor of numbers submerge the fact that the work is being accomplished, if at all, in the individual. "And a man shall be . . ."

THE PROPHET HIMSELF LIVED in perilous times. Egypt was the center of power. The Assyrians were strong and aggressive. Israel was sore perplexed. The prophet had something very definite to say. Listen!

"Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many . . . Now the Egyptians are men, and not God; and their horses flesh, and not spirit."

The prophet recognizes that numbers do not solve situations. He was not for the building of some kind of world church. He was not a visionary internationalist. He was not beset with union so that he felt that victory lay in the counting of millions. Listen again:

"Like as the lion and the young lion roaring on his prey, when a multitude of shepherds is called forth against him, he will not be afraid of their voices, nor abase himself for the noise of them."

It takes more than the bleating of a flock of confused sheep and the yelling of a multitude of excited shepherds to stop a lion. The reason is not in lack of numbers or of noise. The reason is in the nature of the lion. "And a man shall be . . ."

The prophet is saying that far more important than an alliance with Egypt in this hour of crisis is for the men of Israel "to turn . . . unto him from whom the children of Israel have deeply revolted." It is an "everyman" business.

"For in that day every man shall cast away his idols of silver, and his idols of gold . . . Then shall the Assyrian fall with the sword." Israel doesn't need Egypt, says the prophet. Israel needs Israelites, real, genuine, courageous, true, loyal Israelites! "And a man shall be . . ."

WHAT ARE THE CHARACTERISTICS of this man whom the prophet saw in an hour of Israel's peril? Was he just an ordinary fellow who could qualify under "a man's a man for a' that"? Was he one of these lads who leans heavily on "the fatherhood of God" and therefore we're all on one level? Did he have the universal slant? Did he alibi by saying, "There is no difference; all races and tongues and nationalities and religions but make up one humanity"? The prophet left no question here.

The prophet saw God's man as a creature of strength. He could withstand the storm. In my day I have seen the storm sweep lesser men into oblivion. I have seen men's strength break before the storm. I have seen the gang destroy the individual. I have seen men swept away from their foundations of sand. I have also seen a few who stood. I have seen a few bold souls stand like a tower, planted on "a sure foundation," builded on the rock.

The prophet saw God's man as a creature of stability. Let the canyon be full of sweeping floods, the thunders howling of promised deluge, the storm clouds black

and low — God's man still stands unmoved by all the tempest shock.

I hold that there is a variety of sanctified stubbornness, more necessary in this terrible hour of acid test than a college diploma. What will information and polish and cultural attainments profit, if you are vacillating and unstable before the howling tempests of this generation?

I can remember when bankers loaned money on something far more valuable than signatures. They knew the man, and therefore they loaned him what he wanted. Or, not knowing the man, they found a reason for not letting him have the money. They did business on the man.

IBURIED SUCH A MAN ONCE. About his grave stood his five sons. He had once been rich. Adversity had ruined his fortune, but not the man. His attorney arranged for him to settle at 40 cents on the dollar. He got another attorney. A few years before he died he called in his five sons and turned his books over to them. He had paid the last dime — 100 cents on the dollar. His sons did not weep at his grave. In their eyes was an admiration that sparkled like rare jewels.

Once a preacher accepted the call of God and went forth to preach a glorious gospel to lost men. He had never heard of "brackets." He did not know the language of opportunism. If promotion depended upon his softening his message or worship at the shrine of ecclesiasticism, he deliberately chose to take the path of privation and self-surrender. He could preach in the out-of-doors to God's poor and starve with them, but he could not stultify his soul. He did not know how to fawn and flatter and trim and compromise.

But the prophet saw more than a strong and enduring man. *God's man shall be refreshing, reinvigorating.* He shall lend himself to the processes of life. He shall be like a river of water, feeding the roots of the trees of the desert. He shall make men taller because they walk by his side. He shall strengthen them with the grip of his hand. He shall lend courage to men who fight in loneliness.

"And a man shall be . . ." I must point you again to the source.

Once a woman whose life reflected her moral and spiritual diet stood before Jesus. She needed help badly. She was all in. Her reputation was gone and her character along with it.

Jesus offered her water to drink. Her soul was parched with thirst, but she did not at first understand Him. When she did understand, she went running to her companions and told them what she had discovered.

It is the discovery of the ages. This is the Rock that was "cut out of the mountain without hands." Possibly there was something prophetic in the fact that Moses smote the rock and a stream of water gushed out. The fountains of the earth have a very definite relationship to the rocks of the hills.

AND SO IT IS THAT the prophet comes to his climax in this text. "And a man shall be as . . . a great rock!"

Herein he flings the full challenge. There is strength in the great cliff. There is stability. The fountains pour forth from its base. God's man shall be as a great cliff of solid granite standing over against the "weary land" and casting its long shadow out over the desert.

If he is God's man he comes to partake of the nature of that stone that was "cut out of the mountain without hands." He himself becomes a foundation, a cornerstone, an undergirding source of strength and endurance and refreshing.

When I was a boy preacher, I was appointed as a supply to the Cumberland Gap Circuit and lived in a little parsonage at that historic village where the Yankees and the Rebels advanced and retreated more times than over any like strip of ground within the nation. My little parsonage sat at the base of a great cliff that jutted out

at the summit and hung like a menacing monster over the little house. I used to sit on the porch and look up and wonder what would happen to me if that great boulder turned loose. But it never did.

I used to think of this text as I sat in the evening, looking at the face of that cliff, listening to the roar of the stream that came out of King Solomon's Cave at its base. Here was the strength of the eternal hills. Here was the stability of the centuries. Here were the life-giving waters that swept down into the little valley. "God's man shall be like that," I said.

For God's man is akin by nature and by grace to that stone that was "cut out of the mountain without hands." We were never meant for the marshes. We were meant for the great exalted ranges. And after a man is washed in the cleansing blood of the world's Redeemer he certainly belongs to the lowlands no more. He towers above them. He sends his shadow over them. "And a man shall be . . ."

WHAT INDEPENDENCE HAS COST AMERICANS

INDEPENDENCE DAY OF 1961 has come and gone. It has set our mind to thinking — in terms of what it has cost Americans to preserve their liberties.

In San Antonio, Texas, stands the Alamo — a monument to the independent spirit of Americans. Over one hundred years have melted into history since the blood of brave men stained the cobblestones of the old mission.

On February 23, 1836, the Mexican troops under Santa Anna, 4000 strong, attacked the Alamo. Our forces consisted of 180 gallant Americans.

Day by day, the siege continued, with the Mexican general drawing his lines closer about the Alamo, and also increasing their number. Day by day cannons poured their murderous fire upon the fort and its defenders. As the days and nights passed, the men of the Alamo watched with anxious eye for reinforcements to come to their rescue.

On the 10th day of the siege, March 3, the Mexicans kept up a terrible cannonade. Just before sunset the barrage ceased and Santa Anna's troops withdrew some distance.

THE WITHDRAWAL was only momentary — the lull before the last fury of the storm. In a voice trembling with emotion, Col. Travis declared that "our fate is sealed" — that death was inevitable. Drawing his sword, he drew a line in front of his men and cried, "Those who wish to die like heroes and patriots, come over to me."

Without hesitation and in unison, every defender crossed the line, pledging himself in a pact of death. Even the wounded dragged themselves across the mark. Col. Bowie, it is said, was too ill to leave his couch, but refused to be deterred. "Lads," he said, "I can't get over to you, but won't some of you be kind enough to lift my cot on the other side of the line?" Instantly, this was done.

During the early hours of March 6, a final assault was precipitated and the troops of the Mexican general overpowered and slaughtered the garrison defenders, in a hand-to-hand struggle, to the last man. Only three women, a Negro servant and an infant child survived.

The siege of the Alamo was, to be sure, a superlatively dramatic episode in the history of the United States.

The impact of the massacre reverberated not only within the boundaries of Texas but also throughout America.

On April 21, 1836, an army commanded by General Sam Houston defeated and captured Santa Anna. These Texans went into the fray shouting the cry, "Remember the Alamo!"

THE COURAGE of the men of the Alamo must find a counterpart in the dedication of Americans today, if we are to observe Independence Day next year, and the next, five and ten years from now.

No formally declared war ever posed as great a threat to the American way of life as the twin evils of Communist aggression from without and socialistic infiltration from within.

To meet this threat requires every ounce of driving energy, every resource and initiative, every sacrifice and instinct of devotion which each and every American possesses.

None of us can afford to think of himself, none of us can dare to do less than his full part in the common effort. (All the more because of the weak, confused and ineffective political leadership in Washington.) Our liberty, our Christian faith, our way of life, are at stake. — GSP

THE UNITED NATIONS AND COMMUNIST PEACE

U.N. executives are
largely made up of Communists
or persons who do
the Communist bidding

By HARRY T. EVERINGHAM

J. S. WRITES: "From all I hear, the United Nations is all-out for World Government through the World Court, World Law and a World Police Force, all in the interest of promoting peace. Is the United Nations made up so that it can promote peace?"

Dear J. S.: The United Nations, as it grows in the number of small and prematurely-born nations (each having one vote), can be more easily controlled by the Communists. According to an estimate made by the *U. S. News & World Report* on December 12, 1953, one-third to one-half of the executives of the U. N. Staff are Communists or persons who do the Communists' bidding.

As these zealots get their own kind into key positions, they control many parts of the U. N. Do they use that control to promote peace and justice? Or do they make the U. N. a menace to everything we stand for, especially personal freedom? These questions are clearly answered in the book, *THE UNITED NATIONS: PLANNED TYRANNY*, by V. Orval Watts, published by Devon-Adair.

THE U. N. CHARTER was written by Leo Pasvolosky and Alger Hiss with parts copied from the Soviet

constitution. It offered "peace" as a bait to entice nations of the free world into an organization that would prevent them from warring against the Soviets while the Reds (since 1945) have captured over one billion Europeans and Asiatics by subtle infiltration and mass murder.

The United Nations' treaty was ratified by the United States Senate under the false assurance that our national sovereignty, our Constitution and our flag would be held inviolate and that its sole purpose was peace.

To the Communist, "peace" has a special meaning. It means placing all the world under Communism.

The United Nations acted for Communist-peace when it failed to send aid to the Hungarian Freedom Fighters. It acted for Communist-peace when it failed to help Tibet and Laos.

The United Nations acted for Communist-peace when it prevented General Douglas MacArthur and our other military leaders from bombing Communist bases beyond the Yalu River in the Korean War. They acted for Communist-peace when they prevented Americans from winning that war, the first war we haven't won in all our history.

The United Nations' military staff committee always has a member of the Soviet chief of staff as one of its permanent members due to an agreement made in the very beginning between Hiss and Molotov.

Through another Hiss agreement, the Soviet Union has three votes in the United Nations to our one.

UNESCO is the United Nations' propaganda machine. At the head of the division for high school materials is Madame Jegalova, former chief, inspector division, of the Soviet Ministry of Education.

Through UNESCO, American children are being influenced away from their national allegiance and patriotism — and are indoctrinated with ideas of World Government — while Russian children are being prepared to run that government.

Lord Beaverbrook, noted British publisher, said, "Here in New York City you Americans have the biggest Fifth Column in the world, the United Nations."

BY AUGUST W. BRUSTAT, PH.D.

A CALL

A plea for Americans to humble
themselves, and pray, and
seek God's face. Is
this asking too much?

IN THE SECOND BOOK of Chronicles (7:14) God spoke a pertinent word to His Old Testament people which is particularly applicable to us in this crisis-fraught day:

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

Almighty God has, through the years since our founding, smiled upon America. Our history is replete with His blessing and guidance. This nation has, under Divine providence, become great, because for the most part those who colonized these virgin-forested shores, and those to whom authority was subsequently entrusted, were men rich in Christian faith.

Most of those who left the Old World for the New One, came here not in search of *gold*, but in search of a haven where they might worship God according to the dictates of their consciences on the basis of the Bible, the Word of God — and to bring the gospel of God's grace and love in Christ to the American Indian.

THE EVIDENCE of this reliance and trust upon Almighty God by our founding fathers may be noted in the early educational system. Colonial education was based on a religious

TO RETURN TO GOD

concept and faith in God. For example:

In the bequest that established Harvard College, old John Harvard laid down certain rules and precepts that were to be observed. One of them read: "Let every student be plainly instructed and earnestly pressed to consider well the main ends of his life and studies: To know God and Jesus Christ which is eternal life and therefore to lay Christ in the bottom as the only Foundation of all knowledge and learning and see the Lord only giveth wisdom. Let everyone seriously set himself by prayer in secret to seek Christ as Lord and Master."

On July 3, 1752, Columbia University ran an "ad" in the *New York Gazette*, saying: "The chief things that are aimed at in this college are to teach and engage the children to know God and Jesus Christ and to love and to serve Him in all sobriety, godliness and righteousness, in life — with a perfect heart and a willing mind."

In other words, Harvard and Columbia and the other early colleges and universities of America were founded by men who wanted a place where students could come to study the Bible and acknowledge Christ as Lord and Saviour.

If it were not for the gospel of Jesus Christ, if it were not for the evangelical and missionary zeal of some of our fathers, we would never have Yale and Harvard and Columbia and Dartmouth and many of these great Eastern universities.

I WONDER WHAT the founders of these great universities would say today if they could know that President Pusey of Harvard and Griswold of Yale do not favor loyalty oaths for students desiring Federal Aid; that subversive professors are tolerated in these and other American universities, that Darwinism has replaced the

Biblical doctrine of creation in the classroom; that humanism, which exalts man over God, to a great extent replaces Christianity on the college campus and that the Bible is ridiculed and the Christ is mocked.

By placing the Bible in every classroom of America, our forefathers intended for us to be a religious people — a people who believed in God. Some modern legislators and educators are calling the Bible "controversial" and are forbidding even its reading without comment in the classrooms of America.

DURING THE DARK days of the Civil War, a man came to Lincoln one day and said: "Mr. Lincoln, don't you think God is on our side?" And the President answered: "I am more concerned about whether or not we are on God's side." Calling for a day of penitent prayer, the Civil War President said: "We are a nation of sinful people and God has brought us to this point. Let us pray to God."

Such is the stuff of real greatness: confessing individual and national sin, turning to God in repentance, and relying on the promises of God in His Holy Word.

The crisis of the present moment, however, is doubtless the greatest which our nation has ever faced — all the more because of our own tragic mistakes. The recognition of the Soviet Union in 1933 and our alliance with the godless has resulted in paving the way for Communism's march across the world.

Let's face the sad fact. Herbert Hoover described this Russo-American alliance as the "Gargantuan joke of the century."

We are endangered because there is abundant evidence that the conspirators have insinuated themselves into positions of trust and power in government and many of them are still there; because politicians, concerned

more with their personal advancement, have to a great extent replaced statesmen concerned primarily with the public welfare; because the principles of our great Constitution are being vitiated by many of the recent decisions of our present Supreme Court.

As a people we are indifferent to evil. Honesty and truthfulness are often displaced by disloyalty and deceit. Many of our fellow-citizens have gone on a mad whirl of amusement and pleasure. Juvenile delinquency is increasing so rapidly that we can't keep pace with the statistics. The same symptoms which presaged the fall of Rome in its twilight years are now to be seen and felt in America.

Religiously, we have to a great extent abandoned the gospel of redemption through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the faith once delivered unto the saints, as expressed in God's Holy Word, the Bible. We have substituted for that saving Word the husks of humanism and the chaff of religious charlatanism.

WE ARE BEING softened up right now for the kill. Our nation is today in deadly peril. The handwriting is on the wall. The signs of disaster are apparent to the spiritually discerning. As we read today's newspapers in the light of the Bible we cannot but conclude that we are living in the shadows of the world's sunset. We have arrived at the world's Saturday-night stage. It is five minutes to twelve on the clock of the universe. The sands in the hourglass of time are rapidly running out.

Briefly, if America today is to be spared the imminent judgment of God, it needs a return to God in government and international relationships; a return to God in her business, God in her schools, and God in her churches.

Unless we return to a greater semblance of integrity in government and in the Church; and unless our people will again humble themselves, and pray, and seek God's face, and turn from their wicked ways, we are doomed before the Communists even get here.

MAN'S CONQUEST OF space has begun. Events of the past few weeks are being hailed by some as among the most important events of history.

On Monday, April 12, Russia reported that her scientists had sent Yuri Gagarin into orbit around the earth and returned safely. On Friday, May 5, America watched and the world listened, as Alan B. Shepard, Jr., was blasted off the earth at Cape Canaveral and rode his spaceship 115 miles into the heavens before returning to a prearranged spot in the Atlantic. Both achievements were most noteworthy, and deserved the wide acclaim which was given them around the world.

Yet, men of science tell us that this is just the beginning. Before many months other men will be circling the earth, and ere long, parties are expected to visit the moon and other far distant points in outer space. Truly, the space age is here.

CHRISTIANS WILL REMEMBER that these two men who are being so honored are actually not the first men in space. In Genesis 5:24 we are told of Enoch, a man who "walked with God" until "God took him." We do not know the details of Enoch's departure to be with God, but he may well have been the first man in space. We do know the details about Elijah. II Kings 2:11 reveals that he stepped

God And Space

**Although today's astronauts are being so honored,
they are not the first men in space**

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into "a chariot of fire" and was taken "up by a whirlwind into heaven." Centuries later, when Jesus was transfigured on the mountain top, Elijah was one of those who came to confer with Him. Elijah certainly was a man in space.

The greatest space event of history was that hour when the Lord Jesus Christ ascended from the Mount of Olives. The record in Acts 1:9-11 reads, "And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, 'Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus which is taken from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.'"

Here is the space traveler of all space travelers. Not for a few minutes, nor a few hours did He go into space, but He has now been gone almost two millennia. While He is away, He is preparing a place for us; and one day He is coming again.

THE WORLD'S GREATEST coming space event will not be when men land on the moon and then come back to tell about it. It will not be when a space ship orbits the sun and returns to reveal more secrets of the universe. The world's greatest coming space event will be the return of that One who went up from the Mount of Olives — the Son of God.

Read these words in I Thess. 4:16: "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are

SAGE ADVICE FOR OUR CLERGY

**The spread of the Karl Marx
virus particularly concerns the
American clergy**

by M. V. EGGLESTON

IN A RECENT address, former President Herbert Hoover had a word for the clergy on the infections from Karl Marx. He stated that the spread of the Karl Marx virus was of particular concern to America's clergy. Regarding this, he warned:

"More leaders of the Christian faith need realize the ultimate end of this infection among us. The real meaning and purpose of Socialism is the governmental operation of all commerce and industry, and the reduction of life to pure materialism.

"This infection creeps through our nation by deluded and misled men and by disguised organizations, fronts and cults. These agents of infection are like hermit crabs which crawl

into such terms as 'liberal,' 'progressive,' 'public electric power,' 'managed economy,' 'the welfare state,' and others."

After reminding that Communists cling to the Marx declaration that "religion is the opiate of the people," Mr. Hoover said:

"The clergy can perform a great spiritual service to the American people if they would tear away the disguises and expose the meaning, the ultimate consequences and the destinations of this infection."

We hope and pray that our American clergy will heed and act upon this sage advice from America's Number One Citizen.

alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

We do not know when this glorious hour will be, but when it comes, the accomplishments of men will lose their significance.

This does not minimize the achievements of the scientists of our nation or other nations. We join with others in hailing every worthwhile advancement they make. Nevertheless, we contend that their accomplishments are not the most important matters before the world in this hour.

MAN'S GREATEST NEED still is God.

With all that has been achieved in the world of science, human nature has not been changed. Man may have wider knowledge and better understanding of the world about him, but he is still a sinner whose deepest need is spiritual. Only an almighty God can provide the redemption he must have, and that redemption has been provided in Jesus Christ.

Man's accomplishments in space or anywhere else will not alter God's position or plan in any way. He is still the creator and ruler of this universe, and the Father of all who have believed in the Lord Jesus Christ. His churches will continue to be in this world and will continue to proclaim the gospel of salvation to lost men everywhere.

The great advances of men in the conquest of space should be a challenge to Christians everywhere, to strive for equal achievement in giving the gospel to the whole world. There has never been as great need for the gospel, or as wide opportunity to propagate it. As long as there are areas of the world which have not been evangelized, and people who have not heard the good news of Christ, our chief interest as Christians still must be here on the earth.

The world's greatest space event is still ahead — *the return of our Lord*. Until He comes, our task is to be busy doing His will here.

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OUR VANISHING CONSTITUTION

BY DR. ALFRED P. HAAKE

IN EXCHANGE FOR PROTECTION of person and property against adverse elements and forces, man gave up a measure of control over himself to certain other men whom he recognized or accepted as "rulers" or government.

Down through the years, government was carried on by men who had control over the well-being and destinies of other men. Some of these "rulers" were good, some bad, but always they were recognized as "sovereign" over the people they ruled. They constituted what we know as "government by men." Even when bad governments were kicked out by death, insurrection or whatever means, their successors took over their powers and still constituted "government by men."

When Jesus was asked whether it was in accord with Jewish law to pay tribute to Caesar, He replied, "Render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's." It was an ingenious and wise reply, but it left unanswered a vital question: "What are the things which are Caesar's?"

Under government by men, it is Caesar who determines which are the things due him. And as history progressed, men sought more and more freedom for themselves from the tyranny of "government by men." The culmination of this long struggle came with the birth of a nation called "The United States of America," a federation of 13 sovereign states, which recognized the ultimate sovereignty for government as residing in the individual citizens, and not in the men chosen to govern the rest. That was one of the greatest days in all history, for it marked the establishment of a new and dynamic principle called *government by law*.

GOVERNMENT BY LAW still requires individual human beings to carry on the detailed acts and functions of government, for law and order, but those individuals are limited in what they can do, and are finally subject to the will of the people. If the men in government are found untrustworthy they can be negated or corrected by the people.

The utterly vital requirement for such a principle of government is a standard or implemented expression of the will of the people as to the principles which shall guide and limit government. That document is our Constitution of the United States. *So long as the Constitution lives we shall have government by law.* But when the Constitution becomes only an empty phrase or is openly disregarded by government reaching for more and more power, with less and less regard for the limitations placed by the Constitution, we are moving back from government by law to the earlier and despotic government by men.

The United States prospered and grew strong under the magic incentives provided for and protected by the Constitution. But then there came a change in the people. Whereas our Founding Fathers were concerned with self-government and the ultimate effects of actions and policies, later generations were lured by politicians to see only the present advantages of proposals, with no regard for the collective wisdom and experience of the past, or the inevitable effect on the future.

As Montesquieu pointed out, "the deterioration of every government begins with the decay of the principles on which it is founded."

THE APOSTLE PAUL, determined that Timothy should be successful in his ministry, wrote, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. And their word will eat as doth a canker." (II Timothy 2:15, 16, 17.)

In this same vein Jesus asked his disciples, "Can the blind lead the blind?"

This challenge to study is by no means confined to the theologian and teacher. It must be accepted by all who would enjoy a wholesome, productive, Christian life.

To illustrate: A young man and his wife, both Christians (but not too well read), were visiting friends one evening, and heard a man speak from John, chapter five. In this passage, Jesus, rebuking the Jews who sought to kill Him, said, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life."

No theologian would be upset by this passage, of course, but my friend and his wife were very much disturbed. Being largely unfamiliar with God's Word, it had not occurred to them that Christ referred to the law and prophets, or Old Testament. No part of the New Testament had been written at the time Jesus walked the earth, therefore it must follow that all His references to the Scriptures were pertaining to the Old Testament.

NO ONE THING contributes more to the Christian life than comprehensive study of God's Word, for God is Lord of all.

In I Thessalonians 4:11,12, we find: "Study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you, that ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing."

In this light, Christians are most assuredly expected to study, to examine every theory — political, social, and ethical, as well as metaphysical. Surely God and the world have every

right to expect leadership from those persons who profess to be Christians.

As the new Christian must study God's Word if he would grow towards maturity, so should all Christians examine each theory and reject those which fail to advance the cause of Christian-American citizenship.

In the present struggle between freedom and slavery (Americanism and Communism), it behooves every Christian citizen of these United States to take a firm stand for Americanism. To maintain this position one must scrutinize every political theory. Only when socialistic theories are recognized, and rejected, along with those politicians who em-

brace them, can descent into the darkness of Socialism be arrested. This descent must be arrested if our Christian institutions are to endure. Socialism breeds Communism and Communism mocks God and destroys the moral fiber of citizenship.

A BRIEF SYNOPSIS of Socialist theories embraced, wholly or in part, by these United States, tends to prove that no Christian generation has faced a greater challenge.

The Communist Manifesto lists ten points that are adjudged essential to the destruction of democracy. Among those points we find:

1. Expropriation of land, and the

The Constitution--Of The Almighty



"Study to Shew Thyself Approved"

Study of God's Word must be pursued by all who would enjoy a fruitful Christian life

BY REV. JESSE C. RALEY

use of land rents to defray state education. Government-owned hydroelectric projects (public power) and public housing constitute rank Socialism.

2. A rigorously graduated income tax. Our income taxes are graduated up to an incentive-killing 91 per cent.

3. Abolition of the right of inheritance. Many American estates are subjected to a graduated inheritance tax of up to 77 per cent.

4. Centralization of the means of transportation in the hands of the state. All transportation in the United States is regulated by the state.

5. Increase of national factories and means of production, cultivation of uncultivated land and improvement of cultivated land. T.V.A., Grand Coulee and other public power holdings, along with Interior Department ownership of land and the various farm programs, would appear to place the United States well on the road toward Socialism.

AS MORE AND MORE people realize the danger and injustice of socialistic inroads into American free enterprise, an ever-increasing flow of words are being spoken and written in behalf of constitutional government. This is a healthy sign, but words alone are not enough ("Shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works." James 2:18.)

A great many people seem to hold the opinion that statesmen can stamp out Socialism overnight, when and if the citizenry so commands. Or that the people, once having decided Socialism is wrong, can expect to awaken

next morning and find the Ship of State safely back on its appointed course. This kind of thinking is an illusion.

As the federal government becomes more powerful each day, the individual counts for less. Every day occurrences in Washington tend to make apparent how little the politician considers the citizen. No longer is the voter respected as an intelligent person with the capacity to think. Today's politician sees the citizen as a type of glorified ward of the state, one to be duped with handouts that invariably cost three times what they are worth. The great shame and danger to Americans rest in the fact that many citizens want to be duped.

Top-brass reaction to Deputy Premier Kozlov's boast regarding Russia's latest housing program provides an excellent example of official Washington's thinking. Kozlov admitted the United States was ahead at the moment. Nevertheless there was much weeping and gnashing of teeth in Washington. Politicians were deathly afraid Russia would build more houses than the United States.

In all this controversy no voice was raised to remind those present that Americans had built their own homes for many years and might very well do so in the future, if given half a chance.

QUITE A FEW POLITICIANS, seeking to represent those districts proximate to government-owned hydroelectric projects, would have the people believe public power is the proverbial knight in shining armor, bat-

ting valiantly to preserve the nation's natural resources from the sinister forces of free enterprise. Technically, it is true that all citizens are joint owners of public power properties, but it is a strange ownership. No individual, however, has been known to collect dividends on this particular investment, and the owner (customer) who elects to try would be well advised to stock up on candles.

Many men of wisdom have reminded their people that a nation divided could not long endure. This prediction is worthy of all emphasis as regards the question of Socialism and Capitalism. The person who thinks we can maintain a *status quo* with Socialism, at the present level, is probably influenced by readily apparent obstacles in the road back. Although it may appear that holding the line would tax our strength to the utmost, we must rise above Socialism or sink deeper into it. No power except the people, with inspiration and determination from God, can affect this ascent. Politicians must work out the details, of course, but they cannot perform this illimitable task without a clear, impressive mandate from a public they have learned to respect.

Removing an ulcer must be painful, but who would suffer, to what extent? When we consider the superhuman effort involved, is our way of life worth saving? When one of 30 adult Christians can, from resources within themselves, answer this last question with an emphatic affirmative, our plunge into Socialism will be arrested. When one in 20 can perform this feat, we are ready to face the road back.

FIRST IN GIVING MONEY AWAY

Russia may have been the first nation to send a man into space. Even though the evidence is not conclusive, let us concede the Soviet's claim.

But the U.S.A. can lay claim to one first that cannot be denied. The evidence is at hand to prove it. Definitely, Uncle Sam is the first in giv-

ing money away and has been for the past 15 years or so.

Since the end of World War II, the Congress has voted \$85.8 billion for "Foreign Aid," in a futile attempt to stop the world-wide march of Communism and buy friends.

Apparently, despite the fact that Communism has continued to march and that the U.S.A. has bought no friends with this largesse, Congress continues blithely to appropriate money for "Foreign Aid," thus con-

tinuing to pour American tax dollars down a rat hole.

When, oh when, will this nation awaken to the fallacy of this Great Giveaway and its citizens serve notice on their Washington representatives to stop this ridiculous nonsense? We hope it will be before our American manufacturers are forced out of business by foreign competition. *Being first in giving away money* is an unenviable first that threatens our national safety. — THE AMERICAN WAY

The Prayer Circle

COMPILED BY M. L. FLOWERS

God did not make men to be "hermit-souls who live withdrawn, in the place of their self-content," but to live with and "esteem each other better than themselves." (Philippians 2:3.)

It is said of Jesus that He had compassion on those who came to Him. In the same way the Defender Prayer Circle Christians have a practical compassion for the sufferings of others through using the means He has provided. "In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." Do this, and the longed-for "peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7.) We will pray with you. Just write us about your needs.

E. M. B., York, Pennsylvania: God bless you all, and your work for Him. No—we won't "quit"—even though 78 years old.

H. C. M., Zion, Illinois: I'm amazed how you can take the time to write such a fine personal letter to one such as I. You surely are the Lord's hand maiden.

E. B., Dayton, Washington: Thank you for sending me the poem. I did find it encouraging and it came at a very opportune time. I am not going to complain, but really this spring is the only time in my life that I have felt like quitting. In fact, I had told my husband that the very morning that your letter arrived.

W. E. R., Baltimore, Maryland: Your poem came at a good time, just when frustration had me. Thanks.

C.E.M., Riverside, California: As my young ones would say, "I'd better get on the ball!" I'm sorry I've been so delinquent in my contributions but my burdens have been heavy.

G. H. B., Round Lake, Illinois: Don't hesitate, don't falter, but continue to carry high the torch of enlightenment until our freedom under God is assured, or until that day when He comes again.

B. A. R., Manchester, New Hampshire: Your inspiring letter was not only thoroughly enjoyed but came at a time when it seemed like a word from a friend to a friend was needed.

W. O. C., Pinebluffs, Wyoming: God bless you for rolling up your sleeves and getting into the fight for humanity.

G. C., North Platte, Nebraska: Be assured of my prayers. May God bless and sustain in these last days.

S. G. H., Portland, Oregon: I want to pledge anew my meager support and my prayers, to the God-directed management and staff of the great Defenders organization. God bless you every one. May He bestow a double portion of His wondrous love into every heart, and may you rejoice in the blessedness of our Saviour's lovely presence. "Till HE Comes."

F.V., Portland, Oregon: I did so enjoy your nice letter and the lovely poem "Don't Quit." I read it over several times, also scripture II Corinthians 9:6-15 and always pray for the Defenders work.

T. S. B., Mount Holly, Arkansas: I am always glad to hear from you. I like to read your letters; it makes me feel good.

N. T., Taylorville, Illinois: I just received your friendly letter. It was heart warming. I think the poem very good, and we all need a lift at times, and your letter did that very thing.

N. B. R., Stillwater, Oklahoma: I enjoyed the poem "Don't Quit." It is encouraging and works to one's advantage if he only has patience and a touch of pluck. In fact I have seen the advice in this poem work in several instances in my own life.

F. W., Beloit, Wisconsin: I read your letter and it brought tears to my eyes as I need the fellowship of a real born-again child of the King who has gone through trials and testings like I have.

D. A. D., San Jose, California: As I read your letter it seems that you spoke straight to me. For in this world of "make believe" we are so busy with debts and new things, it is easy to neglect standing by the Defenders. It is indeed a booster to one's morale to hear about your outfit and its many labors of love.

Start Your

Accredited Christian schools can be set up in most states more easily than you think

EVERY CHURCH with a vision and with an average membership should have its own Christian School. A fully accredited grade and/or high school can be set up in most states with little more facilities and expense than you now have.

A Christian School can be self-supporting. When any institution in a community meets a genuine need, as the Christian School does, its success is guaranteed. This is a fundamental sociological law.

The Christian School is more than just adding Bible and religion to the regular school curriculum. It is a totally different concept of education. The Christian School philosophy of education teaches that all subjects should point the student to God. Arithmetic shows God's exactness and perfection. History shows God's hand in the affairs of men. Biology points to God as the creator of man. Physics shows God at work in His universe, etc.

Our founding fathers before leaving their ship and landing at Plymouth Rock drew up a document called the Mayflower Compact. Part of their plan in building a new nation was to "establish schools so our children can learn to read the Bible and learn the way of salvation."

Education should be a means to an end rather than an end in itself. The Bible says: "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matthew 16:26.)

Our Own Christian School

BY GLEE E. LOCKWOOD, TH.D., F.R.G.S.

THREE THINGS are necessary in beginning a Christian School. You must have:

1. Students
2. Classrooms
3. Teachers

The average church has at least a dozen or so children already in grades one through eight who would be glad to transfer to a Christian School where the opportunity available. This is a sufficient student body to begin.

Most churches have at least two or three Sunday School rooms that could be used for classrooms five days a week. This will supply the necessary classrooms to begin.

Some churches already have one or more elementary school teachers as members. If not, a Christian School teacher can usually be found, who would count it a privilege to work in a Christian School.

The average church already has the necessary elements to have a Christian School.

So, make it a reality. It is easier than you think! It is being done all across America and around the world. You can do it too! Start as small as possible. Learn as you grow. (II Timothy 2:2.)

It is well to pay teachers the average wage in your area. Many willingly work for less, having a ministry "as unto the Lord."

Desks and school equipment can

be purchased from most manufacturers on a monthly time payment plan.

You do not have money for this project now because heretofore you have not needed it. God has promised to meet your need. (Philippians 4:19.)

SOME STATES DO NOT require certified teachers; however, it is best to start with teachers accredited by your state board of education. Check with your department of education as to your state requirements. This gives your school the same educational standing as the public schools and, ordinarily, students can transfer from one to the other without further examination.

After your school is started, most city and state health departments will be glad to come and check your operation and make suggestions.

City or county nurses annually will examine each student and compile a health record without charge, the same as public schools.

After your school is in operation, the fire department will inspect your facilities and make recommendations; in some cases even teach students fire drills.

Generally speaking, all civic, health and educational groups will co-operate 100%.

The life's blood of the Christian

School, of course, is the tuition. *The average Christian parent can pay for their children's tuition by sacrificing a few personal luxuries.* Thus every Christian parent can, if they want to, send their children to a Christian School without needing additional money, wages or income. Many families, if they were to scrutinize their budget, would find they spend more than \$5.00 a week on pleasures, enjoyments and extras.

NOWHERE, OUTSIDE the Christian School, can a child receive specialized, personal education in an atmosphere of reverence and respect to God. When children are taught to revere God, they respect their parents and obey the laws of the land. The modern-day tendency of anarchy against law and order, disrespect toward parents and chronic delinquency is a natural result of not teaching moral responsibility and reverence to God.

The Christian School fulfills this need by having a 30 minute chapel period first thing every day — five days a week. Consequently, an atmosphere of discipline and obedience is created, cutting discipline problems to a bare minimum not only in school but at home and in society in general.

In a Christian School, you are free to teach patriotism, love of home and country — now taboo in many socialistic-oriented schools. Culture and etiquette are freely taught instead of cheap novels, movies, and dancing.

The old fashioned and basic individual grading system is used in fostering personal achievement instead of the arbitrary "curve" system that grades in comparison to the "average" in place of the ideal.

The time-honored method of teaching the ABC's and sounding phonetics is used instead of the progressive education idea of "look and see."

These are only a few of the advantages of a Christian School. And as we have attempted to point out in this article, it is easier to start your own Christian School than you think. By starting now to make plans, it may be possible to have your Christian School ready for a fall opening — at least one or two grades as an initial step.



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LESSON NUMBER ONE

July 16, 1961

**MATTHEW,
THE CONVERTED PUBLICAN****KEY WORD: Matthew**

The name Matthew means "Gift of God." When Matthew, tax collector, arose and left his business to become a follower of Jesus, he literally became a gift of God to all mankind. For he first became a disciple, then an author, preparing a rich biography of Jesus delineating Him as the promised King.

Matthew, the publican, served the Roman Empire. Matthew, the Christian, transferred his allegiance to the kingdom of heaven. This term, found nowhere else in the New Testament, is used 32 times in his gospel. Matthew's happiness in Christ was so satisfying he must tell his friends immediately! A dinner party was the best way. He invited them to meet the guests of honor — Jesus and His disciples — at his house.

What a scandal that was! Not because of the "sinners and publicans" who came, but because the Lord accepted the invitation, and actually associated with such "trash"! But Jesus quoted Hosea 6:6 to the critics.

**REDS
INFILTRATE
COLLEGES**

Los Angeles newspaper describes alarming Red drive on campuses

Sunday School Comments**KEY VERSE: Matthew 9:12**

Matthew, sin-sick publican, had been healed by the Great Physician. The self-righteous Pharisees did not consider themselves in need of His treatment. They were "the people." They kept the Law to the very letter. But Jesus knew they were among those who would later fulfill the prophecy of Hosea 6:9.

While Jesus performed many miracles of physical healing, His main ministry was spiritual, for the true triune order is spirit, soul, and body. He came to live with men, to uplift and to restore. Since He is "the same yesterday, today, and forever," He is still the Great Physician to them that are sick.

KEY FACT: Christ sees possibilities

What possible use could Jesus have for a tax collector?

But in Matthew He saw the logical mind, the facile pen, the determined and consecrated heart that would give to the world "The Gospel According to St. Matthew."

In you and me, and countless

others, lie great possibilities which await only the call, "Follow me," and the answer, "Lord, I will follow thee. Take me, mold me, use me for time and eternity."

LESSON NUMBER TWO

July 23, 1961

**MARY AND MARTHA:
FRIENDS OF JESUS****KEY WORD: Cumbered**

Most housewives have a sisterly feeling for Martha. She, too, had sat at the Lord's feet. But she was the hostess, with a dinner to serve; probably without money to hire servants, depending on Mary to help serve a banquet to these distinguished guests; and Mary would not heed her frantic signals!

Poor distracted Martha lost her temper and forgot her manners. Stalking into the living room she interrupted the Teacher in the midst of His lecture!

THE LOS ANGELES TIMES for June 13 carried about 17 columns of news about Communist infiltration in California colleges and universities, and related topics. The biggest headline on the front page, a four-column broadside, said: "ALARMING RED DRIVE IN COLLEGES DESCRIBED."

Where there is that much smoke there must be quite a fire.

The main story was based chiefly upon a report of state senate fact-finding committee on un-American activities.

Nearly half of this 204-page report is devoted to Communist recruitment and utilization of youth, particularly at the Berkeley campus of the University of California.

Among the first overt acts in the renewed Red activities, the report notes, was the "disgraceful" student rioting at the hearings of the congressional committee on un-American activities in San Francisco in May, 1960.

The report analyzes how Communist agents have infiltrated into various colleges and tells of a so-called "youth center" in Laurel Canyon, with 20 members identified as having lengthy Communist or Communist-front records. They wrested control from the anti-Communist majority and have been hitting a fast pace in the direction of subversion.

The Muslim movement is mentioned in connection, with an out-

We can sympathize with Mary, too, for she loved her sister and knew her desire to make this a great occasion. But here was a rare opportunity to feast on rich spiritual food. Martha and her plans faded from Mary's consciousness in the presence of the wonderful Jesus who is everything.

Poor Martha — so *cumbered*, so distracted! Yet she was trying to demonstrate her love for Jesus, but in her own way, by doing more than necessary, when she also could have partaken of the spiritual feast. But what of you and me? A Martha, or a Mary? Which?

KEY VERSE: John 14:15

When Lazarus lay in the tomb, the sisters still ran true to form. Martha, practical and energetic, met Jesus first and made a firm confession of her faith; then she called the deeply emotional Mary, who fell sobbing at His feet saying, as had Martha, "Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died." His tears flowed with theirs, until even the critical Jews exclaimed, "Behold, how he loved him."

Jesus, human as well as divine, appreciated the friendship of those who came to Him. The record says, "having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the

end." His every friend may still claim His promise of Matthew 28:20.

KEY FACT: True friendship mingles service and love

Another day — another feast — the same guests. Mary brought her most treasured possession to anoint the head of the One who had restored life to her brother. And Martha, the housewife, served the supper; while Lazarus as a special guest was seated with Jesus at the table.

The periods of "sitting at Jesus' feet" had given spiritually-minded Mary deep insight into the truths He taught and had instilled adoration and knowledge of His divine mission. Jesus recognized the anointing for what she meant it to be — a gift of "flowers to the living." (Mark 14:9.)

LESSON NUMBER THREE

July 30, 1961

THOMAS, THE REALIST

KEY WORD: Faithless

Thomas, the Twin, like the man from Missouri was from the state of "You'll have to show me." He must have absolute proof! In a way, this is a commendable trait. But the old adage, "seeing is believing," is not

always true. For there comes a time when faith must supersede knowledge, for "faith is the evidence of things not seen." Human life subsists on faith. Until he actually saw the wounds, Thomas would not believe Jesus rose from the dead. *Then* he was no longer faithless, but believing. The difference between the two is a vital matter.

Thomas had admirable traits of character: his love for the Lord and his ready acceptance of evidence. Rather should we think of him, not as Thomas the doubter, but Thomas the realist.

KEY VERSE: John 20:29

This applies to every believer from Thomas down to you and me. Peter stresses it in I Peter 1:7-9.

The skepticism of Thomas vanished in the face of evidence. So, too, would today's doubts disappear through honest investigation of the ample proofs provided by God in His Word and in the record of secular history.

KEY FACT: Only one way

And that way is Jesus. (John 14:3-6.)

From Moses to Christ only one way of approach to God was provided. The priests, with substitutionary

break at Elsinore which was traced to 35 agitators with Communist front affiliations.

UCLA IS PRAISED for clamping down on Red activities in 1950. But, the report says, "There are unmistakable signs that a powerful effort will be made to again infiltrate the student body and to plant powerful Communist organizations on the campus."

The Berkeley part of the university receives criticism for failure to crack down — as had been done at UCLA — on radical control of the student newspaper.

The state college at Long Beach

permitted a mock trial at which the activities of the house un-American activities were ridiculed, the report notes.

The senate committee report praises freedom of speech and opposes what is sometimes called "thought control," but in view of the recent and somewhat unexpected decision of the supreme court, it may be that a different face will be put upon the free-and-easy palaver of Communists and Communist-fronters.

When the Communist movement is identified as a plot against the security and welfare of the United States, an agitator can no longer claim

immunity under the "freedom of speech" formula.

The California situation may well be duplicated in many other states, where such college Red movements have been shrugged off by an apathetic public. It is time that the American people understood plainly that the Communist apparatus is devoted to the project of destroying freedom everywhere. Certainly academic freedom is totally absent in Russia, so the shielding of Russian agents and sub-agents here is a ghastly farce. — Elmer T. Peterson in *THE DAILY OKLAHOMAN*

blood offerings, mediated between man and God. But when Jesus Himself became the final blood offering for the sins of mankind, He also became the Mediator who "put away sin" by the sacrifice of Himself and now is "passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God." Therefore, He could affirm that all must approach God through Him as the "Great High Priest." "I am the way . . . *no man* cometh unto the Father, but by me!"

LESSON NUMBER FOUR

August 6, 1961

DORCAS, WOMAN OF GOOD WORKS

KEY WORD: Dorcas

"Good works" stand opposed to some other kinds mentioned in the Bible: "the works of darkness," and "the works of the flesh," both of which are evil . . . and "the dead works of the law," which come by command rather than from the heart.

But the "good works" of Dorcas, with which her time was filled, came from a heart energized by love for Christ, and through Him reaching out to those in deep need of material necessities. She must have been just such a lovely personality as Solomon painted in his word-picture of "A Worthy Woman" in the beautiful "Woman's Chapter," Proverbs 31.

Dorcas, probably a well-to-do widow with but one talent, desiring to serve her Lord, saw the poverty around her, especially that of other widows, and dedicated that talent to Him. In doing so she opened a door of service for other women down through the ages.

That Jesus accepted her service is evident in His empowering of Peter to bring her back from death to more years in which to glorify Him.

KEY VERSE: Acts 9:42

Dorcas was known, loved, and respected throughout the whole city of Joppa, and news of her sudden illness, death, and restoration to life spread rapidly, resulting in many being converted to Christ. The Gospel received great impetus throughout

the entire region. See Philippians 1:12. Thus can God use His consecrated child in both life and death to glorify Him.

KEY FACT: What is done for Christ lives on

Someone has said, "The things you do speak so loud I cannot hear what you say." Not all can be silver-tongued orators preaching the precious Gospel from the pulpit, but every Christian is a living witness to Christ by his daily walk. Paul also wrote of another who had professed Him, "Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world." Which shall we be, a Dorcas, a Paul . . . or a Demas?

LESSON NUMBER FIVE

August 13, 1961

JOHN MARK, MISSIONARY

KEY WORD: Mark

The Hebrew "Johanan" (meaning "The Lord has Mercy") and the Roman "Marcus" ("hammer") seem fitting names for this young man whose first active venture into Christian service ended in failure. But, through the mercy of the Lord and his own persistent hammering, he was able to redeem himself into a glorious success.

We rejoice that he did, else the world would have been deprived of his gospel picture of the Lord Jesus Christ as the faithful, obedient, and compassionate Servant. And we can but wonder if this picture was inspired by his own failure to be that kind of a servant to Barnabas and Paul. To be appreciated, too, is the lesson that one need not continue to be a failure in life because of one mistake.

John Mark and his mother were probably among the 3000 converts at

Pentecost who formed the nucleus of the Church. He is thought to be the young lad of Mark 14:51-52, since the incident is recorded in no other gospel.

His next appearance is in Acts 12:12, as the son of Mary in whose home the Apostle Peter found refuge after his miraculous escape from Herod's dungeon.

Soon thereafter he traveled to Antioch with his mother's brother Barnabas and the Apostle Paul. He accompanied them through Cyprus and thence to the mainland, where, at Perga, the seaport, he decided to return to Jerusalem, and took the first ship out. Why, we do not know, but Paul was much displeased, and from thenceforth held it against him through many years, refusing to take him again.

Perhaps Paul's attitude was the needed spur to Mark's change of heart. No doubt he was deeply ashamed. The loving trust of his Uncle Barnabas had no little influence in his determination to rededicate himself to full time service for his Lord.

KEY VERSE: II Timothy 2:3

Paul often used military terms to illustrate points he wished to make. He compared the Christian life to a warfare.

KEY FACT: One mistake does not constitute failure

John Mark had enlisted in the army of Christ, but had gone A.W.O.L. He was not a real deserter, but had not fully comprehended his obligations as a good soldier. When he did understand all that it entailed, he returned to his post of duty, to remain for the rest of his life.

The Apostle Paul made a terrible mistake, for which he grieved for many years. But read what he says in Philippians 3:13-14.

SHALL WE FOLD OUR hands and contemplate our heavenly citizenship — and do nothing to help stay the godless flood sweeping over our nation today? Moral decay and political irresponsibility have penetrated to the roots of our institutions. It is essential that every spiritual force be mobilized — to defend and preserve the religious base upon which this nation was founded." — REV. JAMES M. GRAY in a sermon preached in Moody Church, Chicago, in 1900.

The Big Decision. By Matt Cvetic. Published by Author. Art covers, 218 pages. Price \$1.00

ON THE NIGHT of February 12, 1943, in a high school auditorium in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Matt Cvetic became a full-fledged member of the Communist Party.

The event came after 22 months of intensive preparation through cultivating known Communists in his own government job, and by earnest obedience to every order from his "superiors." After receiving his membership card he was put through many tests, and such tests continued through the nine years of his service, for Communists trust no one, not even in their highest ranks.

The reader suffers with Matt as he relates the terrible fear of detection which would mean torture and possible death; the difficult tasks assigned; his horror as the enormity of the foul ideology unfolds; his grief as he sees his family and friends come to despise him, his wife's warning — "You'll walk alone the rest of your life; I want no part of it" — their divorce and the alienation of his sons.

His only friends were three FBI men and his pastor who gave spiritual sustenance in secret visits, for he could not even attend church.

DURING THE NINE years of service as counterspy, Mr. Cvetic attended more than 3,000 Communist meetings, on every one of which he was able to file complete reports with the FBI. Of his own feelings during one such session he says, "The Red louse's words filled me with sickening revulsion . . . I had all I could do to restrain myself from jumping up and punching him in his dirty mouth."

He continues, "I was soon to learn . . . there were actually Reds posing as clergymen. A Communist has no god but the Communist Party . . . to it he owes his very life and his undivided allegiance. The Party is supreme, taking the power of life and death over its members and its subjects . . . enforced by a ruthless (Moscow directed) secret police."

Finally the strain became so terrific that the fear of making a fatal

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Matt Cvetic, shown above, was for nine years a full-fledged member of the U.S. Communist Party

THE BIG DECISION

mistake became almost overwhelming. To add to the suffering, his mother, who had stood by him, died without knowing the truth. But the end was near. His work had brought in such a vast amount of incriminating evidence that in February of 1950 he was called to testify before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. After three weeks of unraveling the Red intrigue, he felt it was good to know that he had helped to break the backbone of the Red conspiracy in the United States, and especially in the vital industrial area of Pitts-

burgh, his home city. And instead of being treated as a leper, he had become a hero in the eyes of family and friends.

Every reader of this stimulating volume can be a hero too! On page 217 Mr. Cvetic lists a number of things anyone can do to help destroy the great Red Dragon of Communism, without having to become an undercover agent.

This volume may be ordered from The Defender, Box 601, Oklahoma City 1, Oklahoma.

THE DEVIL'S OWN MAGIC

Simon the magician (Acts, chapter eight) was probably the first heretic of the Christian Church. At least he was one to claim fellowship with the church and to put on a mask of religious pretense, while underneath he had little sympathy for its doctrines. But he was not loathe to use the church as a means to achieve selfish ends.

Note some of the things revealed about the character of this magician.

Simon was unscrupulously ambitious. As he watched Peter and John confer spiritual gifts upon the people by the laying on of hands, he realized at once that his sleight-of-hand tricks lacked such power. He was of course taken up with the outward phenomena and had no awareness of its inner grace, its spiritual significance and its sacredness. He wanted to obtain the gift for only one reason—that he might add to his stock of sorceries and thus profiteer.

Simon was utterly insincere. His words and actions, while he was attached to the church, were all a pretense. He was unchanged in heart, the same old Simon: greedy, cunning and devoid of principle. To use a modern slang term, he was a phony.

Simon thought that money could do anything. Obsessed with its power and deluded by the age-old philosophy that every man has his price, Simon attempted to bribe the apostles. It was good that Peter and John unmasked this imposter; he could have brought irreparable harm to the church.

Other Simons have come down through history who have done just that. Using the devil's own magic, they have sought to deceive, beguile and confuse the people for selfish ends. You find them today not only in the church, but also in politics, in colleges, in the professions and in high and respectable places of business and finance.

These men are just as unconscionable, just as insincere, just as much in the gall of bitterness and bonds of iniquity, and just as obsessed with the power of money as their counterpart in history—Simon the magician. With little variation, they practice the same old sleight-of-hand tricks, using the silk opera hat

with a false bottom, trick mirrors and invisible wires, to gain their diabolical ends.

Consider, for example, the endless maze of government agencies, bureaus, administrations and commissions set up in Washington and elsewhere to disburse the taxpayers' money.

Here are a few of the disbursing agencies: Export-Import Bank; International Bank of Reconstruction and Development; International Monetary Fund; International Finance Agency; Development Loan Fund; Inter-American Development Bank; International Co-operative Administration; Department of Agriculture; Department of Defense; and International Development Association.

This multiplicity of bureaus, created largely to buy friendship and to bribe foreign officials, is quite incomprehensible to the average citizen, who sees only what the magician wants him to see—and nothing more. He is not aware of the concealed wires and false bottoms. He is not supposed to know what's going on. He is simply to pursue his normal activity, dig up his quota of tax money, and blindly vote for the party hacks, who in turn pay off their obligations by appointment of their own breed to public office.

Since Americans are being divested of their liberties, voting franchise and ownership of private property, piecemeal and in the name of progress, they seem happy and willing to go along with the socialistic magicians. This again demonstrates how subtle and deceptive the devil's magic can be.

Little wonder that Mr. William J. Lederer, co-author of "The Ugly American," should call his latest book, "A Nation of Sheep"—a title he gives to Americans in general. Without question, it does seem that rugged individualism has disappeared from the American scene and that, in the age of the "fast-buck," we have been reduced to the herd level.

The depth of the hypnosis is such that only Divine Intervention can remedy the situation—and to this end every Christian ought to pray day and night with desperate fervency.

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